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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND DALLAS, TWELVE TWENTY SIX AM CST, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYKOUR, SIXTYTHREE.

BILL JONES, WWL-TV NEWSMAN, ON SEVEN TWENTYTHREE PM, CST, NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYTHREE, ADVISED WWL TV HAD TAKEN A SIXTEEN MILLIMETER FILM OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD ON AUGUST SIXTEEN, SIXTY THREE, IN FRONT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, PASSING OUT LEAFLETS CAPTIONED QUOTE HAND OFF CUBA UNQUOTE. IN INSTANT FILM THEY HAD A PHOTOGRAPH OF AN UNKNOWN WHITE MALE ALSO PASSING OUT LEAFLETS WHO THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY OR LOCATE. JONES ADVISED HE WOULD MAKE A COPY OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE TO THE FBI IN NEW ORLEANS ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYTHREE. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE OBTAINED FROM STATION WWL TV.

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CHARLES HALL STEELE, JR., BORN NOVEMBER FIVE, FORTYTHREE, AT NEW ORLEANS, LA., APPEARED AT NEW ORLEANS OFFICE, NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, IN COMPANY OF HIS FATHER, WHO IS A CIVIL DEPUTY SHERIFF IN NEW ORLEANS, MAJOR IN THIRTYNINTH DIVISION, LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD, AND A CANDIDATE FOR CENTRAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE IN FORTHCOMING LOUISIANA ELECTION.

STEELE, JR. STATED ON FRIDAY, AUGUST SIXTEEN, SIXTYTHREE, HE WENT TO LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SEVICE, NEW ORLEANS, LA., A STATE AGENCY, WITH HIS GIRL FRIEND WHO WAS TO TAKE A TYPING EXAMINATION. WHILE WAITING IN THE RECEPTION ROOM FOR HER TO TAKE THE EXAMINATION, STEELE WAS APPROACHED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO STEELE BELIEVED TOLD STEELE, HIS NAME WAS OSWALD. OSWALD ASKED STEELE IF STEELE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MAKING TWO DOLLARS FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN TO TWENTY MINUTES WORK IN DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS. STEELE STATED HE AGREED AND MET OSWALD AT NOON IN FRONT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART BUILDING., NEW ORLEANS, AT WHICH TIME OSWALD HANDED STEELE SOME LEAFLETS TO DISTRIBUTE. STEELE, JR, STATED HE DID NOT LOOK AT THE LEAFLETS BUT BEGAN HANDING THEM OUT TO PASSERSBY AND WHEN HE HAD DISTRIBUTED ALL OF THE LEAFLETS HE RETURNED TO OSWALD WHO WAS ALSO

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PASSING OUT LEAFLETS AND OSWALD GAVE STEELE STEELE A FEW MORE TO DISTRIBUTE. STEELE STATED HE THEN LOOKED AT THE LEAFLETS AND DISCOVERED THERE WAS SOME WORDING TO THE EFFECT QUOTE HANDS OFF CUBA UNQUOTE. STEELE STATED HE BELIEVED THE LEAFLETS TO BE COMMUNIST IN NATURE, THREW THEM IN A TRASH CAN AND TOLD OSWALD HE WANTED TO TALK WITH HIM. STEELE STATED HE AND OSWALD THEN WENT INTO THE FOYER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART BUILDING WHERE HE ASKED OSWALD IF THESE WERE NOT COMMUNIST LEAFLETS AND WAS WAS ADVISED BY OSWALD THAT IT WAS A GROUP CONNECTED WITH TULANE UNIVERSITY.

STEELE STATED HE TOLD OSWALD HE WANTED NOTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH THE LEAFLETS, WAS PAID TWO DOLLARS BY OSWALD, AND DEPARTED.

STEELE, JR. STATED WHEN OSWALD MET HIM IN FRONT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART BUILDING, OSWALD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER PERSON DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, NINETEEN TO TWENTY YEARS OF AGE, ABOUT SIX FEET, SLENDER BUILD, DARK HAIR, OLIVE COMPLEXION. STEELE STATED THIS INDIVIDAUL WAS DISTRIBUTING SOME OF THE LEAFLETS BUT DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY CONVERSATION WITH OSWALD AND IT WAS STEELS IMPRESSION THAT THIS PERSON HAD ALSO BEEN HIRED IN THE SAME MANNER AS STEELE.

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STEELE STATED HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL SHOULD HE SEE HIM AGAIN.

STEELE STATED HE HAD NO PRIOR CONTACT WITH OSWALD NOR SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH HIM AND KNOWS NOTHING FURTHER CONCERNING HIM. STEELE, JR. IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AS PERSON FOR WHOM HE DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS.

INDICES CONCERNING STEELE, JR., HIS FATHER, AND HIS GIRL FRIEND, CHARLINE STOUFF, NEGATIVE.

ON NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYTHREE, AT TWELVE TWENTYFIVE PM, CST, WILLIAM REED, WWL TV, NEWS EDITOR, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT CHARLES HALL STEELE, SR., AND CHARLES HALL STEELE, JR. HAD COME TO THE TV STATION AND ADVISED THEY HAD BEEN TO THE FBI OFFICE IN NEW ORLEANS AND HAD FURNISHED THEM THE COMPLETE FACTS CONCERNING PASSING OF THIS LITERATURE OUT BY CHARLES STEELE, JR. REED STATED BOTH THE FATHER AND SON EXPLAINED THAT OSWALD HAD OBSERVED STEELE, JR. AT THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, OFFERED HIM TWO DOLLARS TO PASS OUT HANDBILLS AND STEELE HAD DONE THIS UNTIL THIS APPEARED TO BE COMMUNIST LITERATURE AT WHICH TIME STEELE, JR. STOPPED PASSING OUT THE LITERATURE. END AND ACK PLS.

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